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TO : General Counsel

DATE: 23 December 1952

FROM : Comptroller

SUBJECT: Purchase of Station Wagon for Psychological Strategy Board

- REF : (a) Letter to Walter R. Wolf from Executive Officer, PSB dated 13 October 1952.  
(b) Memorandum from Chief, O&M, to Chief, P&SO, dated 22 October 1952, subject: same.  
(c) Memorandum from Chief, P&SO, to Comptroller dated 10 December 1952, subject: same.

1. The above references are forwarded for your review and opinion on the legal aspects of the purchase of a station wagon for PSB.

2. It will be noted in Paragraph 3 of reference (a) that there is some question as to the authority of the State Department to purchase this vehicle even though the funds are not made available through a State Department appropriation. Since the Department of State is supposed to be the servicing agency for PSB and there is a question as to the authority of State to purchase the vehicle, this Office would like to have an opinion as to whether there is any question in connection with the purchase by CIA.

3. The memorandum from Chief, P&SO, indicates that the vehicle furnished PSB was purchased from unvouchered funds through our working fund arrangement with GSA. As you know, PSB does not have any provision or authority for the use of unvouchered funds.

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